

Rick Knapp Class of 1979

Pitching coach for the Detroit Tigers

Named the Tigers pitching coach on October 17, 2008, Rick enters his 28th season of professional baseball in 2010...Prior to joining the Tigers organization, he spent 12 seasons as the minor league pitching coordinator with the Minnesota Twins (1997-2008)...he first joined the Twins organization in 1996 as the pitching coach with the Gulf Coast League Twins...Began his coaching career in 1988 as the pitching coach at Single A Gastonia in the Texas Rangers organization...served as the pitching coach with the Gulf Coast League Rangers the next four seasons (1989-92), before serving in that capacity with Triple A Oklahoma City in both 1993 and 1994...he spent his final season with the Rangers organization as the pitching coach with the Gulf Coast League Rangers in 1995...Served as the pitching coach for Aragua in the Venezuelan Winter League following the 2003 season.

Playing Career

Rick pitched five seasons at the minor league level with the Rangers after being selected by the club in the 41st round of the June 1983 draft out of Virginia Tech University.

Personal

Rick actively participates with Play Baseball Detroit and participated in the Tigers Winter Caravan...He, his wife Sharon, daughter Leah and son Ricky reside in Port Charlotte, Fla., during the offseason.

